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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

Directorate of Military Missions

The Honorable Bill Otto  
Missouri House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 116-2  
201 West Capitol Avenue  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101-6806

Dear Mr. Otto:

Thank you for your letter dated March 26, 2014, concerning the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers support to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at the West Lake Landfill Superfund site in St. Louis County, Missouri. You mention constituent concerns about oversight of this project.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, as the lead agency, is the federal entity responsible for the remediation at the West Lake Landfill Superfund site. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has an agreement with Republic Services, Inc., who will remediate the site under the oversight of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region VII.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region VII has asked the Army Corps of Engineers, via an interagency agreement, to provide limited technical support to Region VII's oversight of Republic Services, Inc.'s contractors who will design and construct a subsurface barrier between the West Lake Landfill and the Bridgeton Landfill. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region VII has asked the Army Corps of Engineers to perform technical reviews of certain documents that will be developed by Republic Services, Inc.'s contractors, to place employees on site to act as Region VII's observers, and to support Region VII's interactions with the public. Region VII's request for support from the Army Corps of Engineers only relates to Republic Services, Inc.'s design and construction of the subsurface barrier. The Army Corps of Engineers would not have the ability to direct the contractors or Republic Services, Inc., or to speak on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region VII's interagency agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers specifically states that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency remains the lead agency at the site.

The Army Corps of Engineers goal is to bring our best resources to bear on the potentially complex challenges at the site. We are in discussions with our St. Louis District, which has over 16 years of success addressing sites in its region with similar contaminants under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program that is

managed by the Army Corps of Engineers, and has earned the trust and respect of local interested parties. The Kansas City District is also involved and it has over 26 years of success supporting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund Program. Augmenting St. Louis District's expertise remediating radiological materials with Kansas City District's understanding of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's organization and Superfund Program will provide the community with a highly effective team.

I appreciate your interest in this project. If you have additional questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Mr. Greg Jordan, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers National Superfund Program Manager, at (202) 761-0414 .

Sincerely,

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